

39. (Amended) A method of forming a communication device comprising:

providing a substrate;

supporting an antenna on the substrate;

coupling transponder circuitry with the antenna;

mounting a battery to the substrate in electrical connection with the transponder circuitry;

encapsulating the antenna, the transponder circuitry, the battery and at least a portion of the substrate with a flowable encapsulant;

curing the flowable encapsulant on the substrate into a solid housing having an upper surface and lower surface interconnected by side surfaces defining a housing thickness having a dimension less than smallest dimensions of the upper and lower surfaces; and

encoding identification indicia on at least one of the side surfaces of the housing.